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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Lee A. Core :
Serial No. 10/682,184 : Art Unit: 3763
Filed: October 9, 2003 : Examiner: Cris L. Rodriguez
For: HEMOSTASIS VALVE :

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated September 28, 2006, for which a response is due on or before October 28, 2006.

No fees are due at this time; however the Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-0219 to maintain the pendency of the present application.

Amendments to the Claims **begin on page 2.**

Remarks **begin on page 3.**